









Veteran Population

ERA	FY 09	FY10
WW II	80,253	70,368
Korea	80,240	75,430
Vietnam	258,979	254,144
SW Asia	128,446	133,929
Peacetime	195,569	191,186
Total	742,221	723,368



Michigan's Veterans Homes - est 1885 (MCL 36.1)



- Grand Rapids –
 - Skilled nursing beds - 618
 - FY 09 start census - 599
 - FY 09 Appropriation - \$47,951,700
 - FY 10 Recommendation - \$49,717,300
- Marquette –
 - Skilled nursing beds - 182
 - FY 09 start census - 182
 - FY 09 Appropriation - \$15,559,400
 - FY 10 Recommendation - \$15,956,100



Types of Care

- Skilled Nursing
 - Residents require a RN during a 24 hr period
- Special Needs Units
 - Alzheimer and dementia care
 - Dual diagnosis
- Domiciliary Care
 - Structured environment - *assisted living*



Michigan Veterans Trust Fund - est. 1946 (MCL 35.601)

- Gov. appointed trustees and veteran representative county committees administer emergency grant program
- Discretionary grants due to temporary, unforeseen emergencies for eligible veterans and dependents
- \$93,323,285 in emergency grants since 1946



MVTF-Emergency Grants

2004	3,343	1,231	\$ 598,403
2006	2,621	1,405	\$ 873,228
2008	2,945	1,647	\$ 1,395,970



Trust Fund Market Value

FY 2002	\$50,062,344
FY 2003	\$48,829,268
FY 2004	\$47,817,935
FY 2005	\$46,941,059
FY 2006	\$46,586,560
FY 2007	\$46,539,078
FY 2008	\$46,586,559



Veterans Applying for Federal Benefits



- Michigan does not provide representation to veterans applying for VA benefits
- VSO's and county counselors provide the portal for a veteran to federal benefit system
- State provides \$4 million grant to eleven VSO's to advise, assist and counsel veterans applying for VA benefits
- State provides \$50k to county veteran counselors to support training



VA Medical Care in Michigan



- All veterans discharged since 9-11-01 are eligible for five years of VA healthcare
- 207,457 Michigan veterans are enrolled in VA's healthcare program



VA Medical Centers



- Ann Arbor
- Battle Creek
- Detroit
- Iron Mountain
- Saginaw



VA Outpatient Clinics



- Alpena
- Benton Harbor
- Clare
- Flint
- Gaylord
- Grand Rapids
- Hancock
- Ironwood
- Jackson
- Lansing
- Marquette
- Menominee
- Muskegon
- Oscoda
- Pontiac
- Sault Ste. Marie
- Traverse City
- Ypsilanti



Veterans Compensation

- Total Expenditures by USDVA in Michigan for FY 08 - \$2.029 billion
- FY 08 payments to Michigan veterans include
 - \$918 million for disabilities and pension
 - \$ 89 million for education and rehabilitation
 - Post 9/11 GI Bill begins Aug 1, 09
 - \$ 49 million for insurance dividends



National Cemeteries

- Great Lakes – Holly
 - Opened Fall 2005
 - 6,332 burials
- Ft Custer – Augusta
 - Opened 1988
 - 24,406 burials





Joint Veterans Council



We coordinate, collaborate, leverage and integrate all resources available to assist all our veterans, and their families; past, present and future in the State of Michigan



Joint Veterans Council



- United States Government
 - Department of Labor
 - Veterans' Employment and Training Service
 - Department of Veterans Affairs
 - Veterans Benefits Administration
 - Veterans Health Administration
- State of Michigan Government
 - Department of Labor and Economic Growth
 - Department of Management and Budget
 - Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- Other Partners
 - Michigan Veterans Business Resource Center
 - Veterans Service Organizations
 - County Veterans Counselors



Joint Veterans Council



- Education and Training
- Employment
- Health and Medical Care
- Home Loans – Mortgage
- Insurance
- Burial Benefits



Joint Veterans Council Accomplishments

- Questionnaire
- Two Day Training Class
- Veterans One-Stop-Shopping Grid
- Veterans Website - www.michigan.gov/vetbenefits
- Veterans Hotline - 1-800-455-5228



Michigan's GWOT Losses



We pause to remember...

Year	Deaths
2002	1
2003	23
2004	17
2005	33
2006	47
2007	37
2008	13
2009	0



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